

## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook March 31 – April 06, 2016

Rainfall has been suppressed across Hispaniola during the last 7 days.



During the last week, little rainfall was observed over the island, according to satellite estimates, leading to drier than normal conditions and widespread negative precipitation anomalies. Rainfall totals were as much as 50-100mm below normal in northwestern Dominican Republic. Any rains that did fall were likely confined to coastal regions, especially in and around the Gulf of Gonâve. With the addition of the past week of suppressed rainfall, 30-day rainfall anomalies are turning drier. Negative anomalies are widespread and are as much as 50-100mm below climatology in parts of Central Haiti and neighboring western Dominican Republic. Both the VHI and NDVI continue to indicate broadly positive vegetation conditions across both countries. Indications from Haiti are that ground conditions are positive for early planting activities. The forecast for the next 7 days is for an increase in rain, closer to climatological conditions. Precipitation is likely to be widespread over the entirety of the island. Local Areas are likely to receive 25mm of rain or more where the heaviest showers occur.